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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. AFRICAN PRESIDENTS THROW FULL SUPPORT TO NKOMO,  
MUGABE

THE FRONT-LINE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS ENDED THEIR SUMMIT  
MEETING IN LUSAKA WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEY ARE  
THROWING THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT OF  
JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE. EMBASSY LUSAKA REPORTS  
THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE DEFENDED RECOGNITION OF THE FRONT  
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TO REPORTERS, NOTING THAT THE GROUP HAD RECOGNIZED ZIPA  
ALL ALONG, AND THEREFORE NATURALLY SUPPORTED THE POLITICAL  
LEADERS OF THE GUERRILLA GROUP.

THE TANZANIAN PRESIDENT REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT ON THE  
SUMMIT'S REACTIONS TO NEW PROPOSALS BY HIGH COMMISSIONER  
RICHARD. PRESS REPORTS INDICATED NYERERE INTENDS TO

BRIEF RICHARD IN DAR ES SALAAM BEFORE ISSUING ANY COMMENT.

INR NOTES THAT PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMUNIQUE DID NOT MENTION INTENSIFIED GUERRILLA WARFARE OR THE POSSIBILITY OF A CEASE-FIRE FOLLOWING THE FORMATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT; THEY DID, HOWEVER, QUOTE NYERERE AS SAYING

THAT THE BLACK/WHITE STRUGGLE WOULD INEVITABLY END ONCE "COLONIALISM, OPPRESSION AND RACISM" HAD BEEN REMOVED. (UNCLASSIFIED) LUSAKA 53, 54 AND FBIS 22, 1/9.

## 2. HUSSEIN TO VISIT SADAT THURSDAY

PRESIDENT SADAT TOLD AMBASSADOR EILTS JANUARY 9 THAT:

--KING HUSSEIN HAS "INVITED HIMSELF" TO VISIT EGYPT JANUARY 13, ALTHOUGH SADAT INDICATED THERE IS NOTHING SPECIFIC TO DISCUSS WITH HIM.

--PRESIDENT ASAD, WHEN INFORMED OF HUSSEIN'S PROPOSED VISIT, REMARKED TO SADAT SOMEWHAT BITINGLY THAT THE KING SEEMED TO BE BACKING AWAY FROM SYRIAN/JORDANIAN UNITY AGREEMENTS.

--HIS RECENT WASHINGTON POST INTERVIEW REFLECTED HIS LONG-HELD BELIEF THAT A PALESTINIAN STATE SHOULD HAVE SOME KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH JORDAN, WHICH HE EMPHASIZED SHOULD BE "OFFICIAL AND DECLARED."

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SADAT ALSO SAID HE AGREES WITH THE PLO VIEW THAT A PALESTINIAN STATE SHOULD FIRST BE ESTABLISHED; IT COULD THEN EFFECT A RELATIONSHIP WITH JORDAN BASED ON THE FREE WILL OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. (SECRET) CAIRO 415, 1/9.

## 3. SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTER URGES US/SAUDI PEACE EFFORT

DEFENSE MINISTER PRINCE SULTAN TOLD THE CHIEF OF THE US MILITARY TRAINING MISSION THAT THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT'S TOP FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVE IS TO WORK WITH THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION TO ACHIEVE

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RAB/ISRAELI PEACE. AC-

CORDING TO SULTAN, SAUDI ARABIA FEELS PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED BY EITHER:

--A STRONG US EFFORT TO CONVINCE BOTH SIDES TO BEGIN REAL NEGOTIATIONS AND ACHIEVE PEACE, ACCOMPANIED BY SAUDI EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE THE "GOOD" ARAB STATES TO

NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH; OR  
NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH; OR

--AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, CONVENED IN THE VERY  
NEAR FUTURE.

SULTAN SEEMED TO PREFER THE FIRST OPTION, POINTING OUT  
THAT A CONFERENCE WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CONTROL AND  
SUBJECT TO DELAYS. HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE  
ISRAELIS MIGHT SOON TAKE SOME ILL-ADVISED ACTION, AND

STRESSED THAT NOW IS THE TIME FOR A JOINT INITIATIVE.  
(SECRET) JIDDA 144, 1/8.

#### 4. NEW PRESIDENT CALMS FRAYED MEXICAN NERVES

EMBASSY MEXICO REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO HAS  
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SUCCEEDED IN RESTORING CALM TO A COUNTRY SEIZED BY  
VIRTUAL HYSTERIA DURING THE FINAL DAYS OF THE ECHEVERRIA  
GOVERNMENT. NEVERTHELESS, THE HEADY OPTIMISM NOW PRE-  
VAILING IN MEXICO IS EXCESSIVE, AND THE NEW MEXICAN  
ADMINISTRATION IS ONLY BEGINNING TO ADDRESS SERIOUS  
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH COULD AFFECT BILATERAL RELATION-  
SHIPS AS WELL AS MEXICAN DOMESTIC POLITICS. IN HIS FIRST  
DAYS IN OFFICE, LOPEZ PORTILLO:

--MADE CLEAR HIS INDEPENDENCE OF ECHEVERRIA THROUGH  
HIS CABINET APPOINTMENTS AND INAUGURAL ADDRESS;

--MANAGED TO NEGOTIATE A USEFUL INVESTMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITHOUT ALIENATING LABOR AND  
THE POLITICAL LEFT; AND

--IMPRESSED MEXICANS WITH THE SUBDUED, BUSINESSLIKE  
STYLE OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, IN CONTRAST TO THE  
FRENETIC ATMOSPHERE OF ITS PREDECESSOR.

THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES  
TO SIGNAL A DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE US.  
(CONFIDENTIAL) MEXICO 230, 1/7.  
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